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INFO AMCONSUL MONTREAL

AMCONSUL QUEBEC

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, PGOV, CA

SUBJ: POLL INDICATES LIBERALS REGAINING STRENGTH

REF: OTTAWA 0030

1. OTTAWA CITIZEN ON FEBRUARY 16. REPORTS THAT MID-JANUARY POLL CONDUCTED BY CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC OPINION (GALLUP) SHOWS FEDERAL LIBERALS HAVE REGAINED MOST OF SUPPORT THEY LOST IN QUEBEC, AND HAVE MADE MARGINAL CUTS INTO A GROWING PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE LEAD.

2. ACCORDING TO POLL, LIBERALS HAVE GONE UP TWO PERCENTAGE POINTS SINCE DECEMBER AND HAVE SUPPORT OF 35 PERCENT OF CANADIANS WHILE CONSERVATIVES HAVE DROPPED AN EQUAL PERCENTAGE AND HAVE 45 PERCENT SUPPORT. THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN EITHER THE NDP (16 PERCENT) OR OTHER PARTIES (4 PERCENT).

3. ACCORDING TO POLL, "WHILE THESE NATIONAL CHANGES WOULD NOT NORMALLY BE CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT ALMOST ALL OF IT CAME IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC."

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4. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO CONGEN MONTREAL, POL IS NOT SURPRISING. IN RECENT DAYS LIBERALS IN MONTREAL HAVE SHOWN A NEW JAUNTINESS AND A SENSE OF OPTIMISM REGARDING LIBERAL PARTY PROSPECTS IN QUEBEC. AS EMBASSY INDICATED IN REFTTEL, TRUDEAU AND FEDERAL LIBS MAY HAVE BEEN PAYING PRICE FOR SINS OF FORMER BOURASSA LIBERAL

GOVERNMENT. MOST RECENT RESULTS MAY INDICATE THAT THIS  
GUILT BY ASSOCIATION IS NOW SOFTENING IN QUEBEC.  
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